

PRIMARY SECTOR WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS

Program Explanation

Provides funds to businesses for training of new full-time and part-time workers with the purpose of creating jobs in Montana.

Type of Assistance

- ★ Training grants

Eligible Applicant

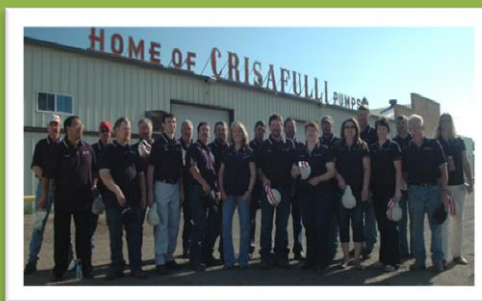
- ★ Businesses with 50% of their sales from outside of Montana and at least one of the following:
 - Demonstrate a significant positive economic impact to the region and state
 - Be a new business that provides a product or service not available in Montana or the region which results in state residents leaving the state to purchase the product or service.
 - Provide a service of function that is essential to the locality or the state, or
 - Be a hospital or medical center
- ★ The following must also be met:
 - At least one new job in Montana must be created.
 - Trainees must be paid at least the lower of the current county average wage or 170% of Montana's current minimum wage. The wage can include benefits.
 - Applicants must have a need for the training for the employees.

How to Apply

- ★ Application and Guidelines are found at www.wtg.mt.gov

INVESTMENT SUCCESS

SRS Crisafulli, Inc. - Glendive



Workforce Training Grant funds: \$99,225

Total employees to be trained: 34



Centene Corporation – Great Falls



Workforce Training Grant funds: \$400,700

Total employees to be trained: 200

Primary Sector Workforce Training Grants (cont.)

INVESTMENT SUCCESS

SeaCast of MT - Butte



Workforce Training Grant funds: \$600,000

Total employees to be trained: 117



Montana Silversmiths – Columbus



Workforce Training Grant funds: \$303,407

Total employees to be trained: 150

Application Timeline

- ★ Open cycle (depending on funds availability)

Use of Proceeds

- ★ All necessary and direct costs of providing workforce training for the new jobs. The wages of the employees are not eligible costs of training.

Limits and Match

- ★ \$5,000 maximum for each full-time (average 35 hours/week) job.
- ★ \$2,500 maximum for each part-time (average 25-34 hours/week) job.
- ★ \$1 in match for every \$3 of grant funds awarded (1:3).

Reporting Requirements

- ★ Six-month progress reports until the goals contained in the plan have been achieved.
- ★ Payment occurs only after documentation of eligible training expenses and documentation of required wage rates being paid to eligible trainees

Funding Source

- ★ General Fund

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